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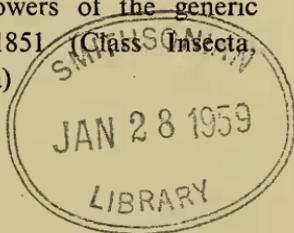
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## OPINION 531

### VALIDATION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS OF THE GENERIC NAME "CAMPSICNEMUS" HALIDAY, 1851 (CLASS INSECTA, ORDER DIPTERA)

**RULING** :—(1) Under the Plenary Powers the generic name *Camptosceles* Haliday, 1832 (Class Insecta, Order Diptera) is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The under-mentioned generic name is hereby placed on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* with the name Number 1316 :—

*Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851, as validated under the Plenary Powers in (1) above (gender : masculine) (type species, by selection by Coquillett (1910) : *Dolichopus scambus* Fallén, 1823).

(3) The under-mentioned specific names are hereby placed on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* with the Name Numbers severally specified below :—

(a) *scambus* Fallén, 1823, as published in the combination *Dolichopus scambus* (specific name of type species of *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851) (Name No. 1580) ;

(b) *curvipes* Fallén, 1823, as published in the combination *Dolichopus curvipes* (Name No. 1581).

(4) The under-mentioned generic name is hereby placed on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology* with the Name Number 1219 :—

*Camptosceles* Haliday, 1832, as suppressed under the Plenary Powers in (1) above.

## I. THE STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On 5th March 1956 Professor D. Elmo Hardy (*University of Hawaii, College of Agriculture, Honolulu, Hawaii*) addressed to the Office of the Commission a preliminary note on the question of the possible use of the Plenary Powers for the purpose of validating the generic name *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851 (Class Insecta, Order Diptera) and on 4th April of the same year he submitted the following definitive application on this subject to the International Commission for consideration :—

**Proposed use of the Plenary Powers to validate the generic name "Campsicnemus" Haliday, 1851 (Class Insecta, Order Diptera)**

By D. ELMO HARDY

(*Department of Zoology and Entomology, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii*)

The object of the present application is to ask the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to validate the long-established generic name *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851 (Class Insecta, Order Diptera). The facts of this case are set in the following paragraphs.

2. In 1832 (*Zool. J.* 5(19) : 357) Haliday established the nominal genus *Camptosceles*. He did not designate a type species for this genus but the first of the included species, *Dolichopus scambus* Fallén 1823 (*Mon. Dolichop. Svec.* (3) : 19) was selected as the type species by Coquillett in 1910 (*Proc. U.S. nat. Mus.* 37 : 518).

3. In 1851 (*in Walker's Ins. Brit.*, Diptera 1 : 187) Haliday replaced the name *Camptosceles* Haliday, 1832, by the new *Campsicnemus*, because he regarded that name as a junior homonym of *Camptoscelis* Dejean, 1828 (*Spec. gén. Coléopt.* 3 : 430). Again Haliday did not designate a type species but in 1910 Coquillet (*loc. cit.* 37 : 518) selected the second of Haliday's species, *Dolichopus curvipes* Fallén, 1823 (*Mon. Dolichop. Svec.* (3) : 20) to the type species of *Campsicnemus* Haliday.

4. Under the *Règles* a generic name is not to be treated as a homonym of another such name differing from it only in termination (Article 36) and this provision was underlined and generalised in 1953 when the Fourteenth International Congress of Zoology inserted in the *Règles* a provision that "a generic name is not to be treated as a homonym of another such name if it differs from it in spelling by even one letter" (1953, *Copenhagen Decisions zool. Nomencl.* : 78, Decision 152). It will be seen therefore that the name *Camptosceles* Haliday, 1832, is not a homonym of *Camptoscelis* Dejean, 1828, that it is accordingly an available name and that the name *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851, is invalid as a junior objective synonym of *Camptosceles* Haliday, 1832.

5. In the mistaken belief that *Camptosceles* Haliday was not an available name, the name *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851, has been consistently used in the dolichopodid literature for over a hundred years. The genus concerned is widespread throughout the world. It contains about one hundred known species, over half of them occurring in Hawaii. This group represents over 60 per cent. of the Hawaiian dolichopodid fauna. There are over fifty undescribed species at hand. There can be no doubt that the best interests of stability would be served by maintaining the generic name *Campsicnemus* Haliday and that no advantage would be served by abandoning the practice of a century through re-introducing the almost completely unused and now virtually forgotten name *Camptosceles* Haliday, 1832.

6. Under Rule (f) in Article 30 where one nominal genus is replaced by another (as was done in this case) the two genera automatically take the same species as type species and the designation, indication or selection of a type species for either nominal genus automatically makes the species so designated, indicated or selected the type species also of the other nominal genus concerned. Coquillet (1910) was therefore in error when he sought to select different species to be the type species respectively of *Camptosceles* Haliday, 1832, and *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851. The species (*Dolichopus scambus* Fallén, 1823) selected by Coquillet as the type species for the original genus should therefore be accepted as the type species also of *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851.

7. The generic names discussed above have not been taken as the base for the names of family-group taxa and in consequence no family-group-name problem arises in the present case. The genus to which these names have been applied is, as has already been indicated, currently referred to the family DOLICHOPODIDAE (correction of DOLICHOPIIDAE) Latreille, 1807, for the addition of which to the *Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology* a proposal is already before the International Commission in connection with a different application (Hemming, 1955, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **11** : 79—81)<sup>1</sup>.

8. In the light of the considerations set out above, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is asked :—

- (1) to use its Plenary Powers to suppress the under-mentioned generic name for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy :—*Camptosceles* Haliday, 1832 ;
- (2) to place the under-mentioned generic name on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* :—*Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851 (gender : feminine) (type species by selection by Coquillett (1910) : *Dolichopus scambus* Fallén, 1823) ;
- (3) to place the under-mentioned specific names on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* :—
  - (a) *scambus* Fallén, 1823, as published in the combination *Dolichopus scambus* (specific name of type species of *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851) ;
  - (b) *curvipes* Fallén, 1823, as published in the combination *Dolichopus curvipes* ;
- (4) to place the generic name specified in (1) above as there suppressed under the Plenary Powers on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology*.

## II. THE SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF THE CASE

**2. Registration of the present application :** Upon the receipt of Professor Hardy's application the question of the possible validation of the generic name *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851

<sup>1</sup> The proposal here referred to has since been approved by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, whose decision on this matter has been embodied in *Direction 49* (1956, *Ops. Decls. int. Comm. zool. Nomencl.* **1(D)** : 265—280).

(Class Insecta, Order Diptera), under the Plenary Powers was allotted the Registered Number Z.N.(S) 1080.

**3. Publication of the present application :** The present application was sent to the printer on 20th April 1956 and was published on 24th August of the same year in Part 6 of Volume 12 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* (Hardy, 1956, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **12** : 178—180).

**4. Issue of Public Notices :** Under the revised procedure prescribed by the Thirteenth International Congress of Zoology, Paris, 1948 (1950, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **4** : 51—56), Public Notice of the possible use by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature of its Plenary Powers in the present case was given on 24th August 1956 (a) in Part 6 of Volume 12 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* (the Part in which Professor Hardy's application was published) and (b) to the other prescribed serial publications. In addition such Notice was given to four general zoological serial publications and to seven entomological serials in Europe and America.

**5. No Objection Received :** No objection to the action proposed in the present case was received from any source.

### III. THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

**6. Issue of Voting Paper V.P.(57)21 :** On 28th February 1957 a Voting Paper (V.P.(57)21) was issued in which the Members of the Commission were invited to vote either for, or against, "the proposal relating to the generic name *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851, as set out in Points (1) to (4) in paragraph 8 on pages 179—180 of Volume 12 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*" [i.e. in the paragraph numbered as above in the paper reproduced in the first paragraph of the present *Opinion*].

**7. Support received from R. L. Coe (British Museum (Natural History), London) during the Prescribed Voting Period :** On 2nd April 1957 Mr. R. L. Coe (*British Museum (Natural History)*)

*London*) addressed the following communication to the Office of the Commission intimating his support for the action proposed in this case :—

Regarding the proposal to validate the generic names *Campsicnemus Haliday* and *Lestodiplosis Kieffer* in the Order Diptera, I am strongly in favour of acceptance.

**8. The Prescribed Voting Period :** As the foregoing Voting Paper was issued under the Three-Month Rule, the Prescribed Voting Period closed on 28th May 1957.

**9. Particulars of the Voting on Voting Paper V.P.(57)21 :** At the close of the Prescribed Voting Period, the state of the voting on Voting Paper V.P.(57)21 was as follows :—

(a) *Affirmative Votes had been given by the following twenty-three (23) Commissioners (arranged in the order in which Votes were received) :*

Lemche ; Holthuis ; Hering ; Mayr ; Bonnet ; Vokes ;  
Key ; Mertens ; Boschma ; Jaczewski ; Riley ; Prantl ;  
Bodenheimer ; Dymond ; Esaki ; Kühnelt ; do Amaral ;  
Bradley (J.C.) ; Hemming ; Sylvester-Bradley ;  
Tortonese ; Stoll ; Miller ;

(b) *Negative Votes, one (1) :*

Cabrera ;

(c) *Voting Papers not returned, one (1) :*

Hankó.

**10. Declaration of Result of Vote :** On 29th May 1957, Mr. Hemming, Secretary to the International Commission, acting as Returning Officer for the Vote taken on Voting Paper V.P.(57)21,

signed a Certificate that the Votes cast were as set out in paragraph 9 above and declaring that the proposal submitted in the foregoing Voting Paper had been duly adopted and that the decision so taken was the decision of the International Commission in the matter aforesaid.

**11. Preparation of the Ruling given in the present "Opinion" :**

On 28th April 1958 Mr. Hemming prepared the Ruling given in the present *Opinion* and at the same time signed a Certificate that the terms of that Ruling were in complete accord with those of the proposal approved by the International Commission in its Vote on Voting Paper V.P.(57)21.

**12. Determination of the gender attributable to the generic name "Campsicnemus" Haliday, 1851 :** During the Prescribed Voting Period for Voting Paper V.P.(57)21 a communication was received in the Office of the Commission from Dr. F. I. van Emden (*Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, London*) expressing the view that the gender properly attributable to the generic name *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851, was the masculine gender and not, as stated in the application submitted in the present case, the feminine gender. This matter was thereupon investigated by the Secretary who on 28th April 1958 executed the following Minute directing that for the reasons set out therein the gender to be attributed to the above generic name be the masculine gender :—

**Gender attributable to the generic name "Campsicnemus"  
Haliday, 1851**

By FRANCIS HEMMING, C.M.G., C.B.E.

(*Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*)

The purpose of the present Minute is to review the question of the gender properly attributable to the generic name *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851 (Class Insecta, Order Diptera), the proposed validation

of which under the Plenary Powers forms the subject of Application Z.N.(S.) 1080 submitted by Professor R. Elmo Hardy (*University of Hawaii, Honolulu*).

2. In his application Professor Hardy attributed the feminine gender to this name. By what I now see was an error of judgement on my part the accuracy of this attribution was not questioned at the time and the foregoing gender attribution for the generic name *Campsicnemus* accordingly appeared in the application as later published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*.

3. Subsequent to the issue on 28th February 1957 of the Voting Paper (V.P.(57)21) relating to the present case Dr. I. F. van Emden (*Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, London*) addressed to the Office of the Commission a letter (undated but received on 6th April 1957) in which he expressed the opinion that, having regard to the termination “-us” of the generic name *Campsicnemus*, the gender properly attributable to that name was the masculine gender and not the feminine gender attributed to it in the application submitted by Professor Hardy. On being consulted on the point so raised, Professor L. W. Grensted, Consulting Classical Adviser, submitted a Report (dated 25th April 1958) in which he supported the view advanced by Dr. van Emden. Professor Grensted's Report was as follows :—

#### *Campsicnemus*—gender

The name *Campsicnemus* is based on κνήμη (cnema), a tibia, which is feminine. But the termination “-us”, in the Latinised form, makes it masculine, like such names as *Heterocerus*, *Platystomus*, etc. This comes under what is now, I think, the agreed interpretation of Copenhagen Decision 84<sup>2</sup>. The Greek noun is, in fact, not preserved entire, but Latinised, with a nominative masculine suffix.

Alternatively, the name is in the form of a Greek two-termination adjective in “-os” καμψικνημός, and this would also, when used as a noun, i.e. as a generic name, be naturally masculine.

4. In the light of the information now available as set out above it is evident that the correct gender for the generic name *Campsicnemus* is the masculine gender and not the feminine gender attributed to it in the application submitted to the Commission. I have communicated the substance of the Report received from Professor Grensted to Professor Hardy who offers no objection to the correction of the gender attributed to the above generic name.

<sup>2</sup> For the provision here referred to see *Declaration 39* (1958, *Ops. Decls. int. Comm. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : i—xviii).

5. In the circumstances set out above, I now, as Secretary to the International Commission, hereby direct that the gender to be attributed to the generic name *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851, be the masculine gender and that that gender be so attributed in the Ruling to be prepared for the *Opinion* required to give effect to the vote taken on Voting Paper V.P.(57)21.

**13. Original References for Generic and Specific Names :** The following are the original references for the generic and specific names placed on *Official Lists* and *Official Indexes* by the Ruling given in the present *Opinion* :—

*Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851, in Walker's *Ins. Brit.*, Diptera  
1 : 187

*Camptosceles* Haliday, 1832, *Zool. J.*, 5(19) : 357

*curvipes*, *Dolichopus*, Fallén, 1823, *Mon. Dolichop. Svec.* (3) : 20

*scambus*, *Dolichopus*, Fallén, 1823, *Mon. Dolichop. Svec.* (3) : 19

**14. Family-Group-Name Aspects :** No action at the family-group-name level is involved in this case, for, as explained by the applicant (paragraph 7), the genus *Campsicnemus* Haliday, 1851, is currently placed in the family DOLICHOPODIDAE (correction of DOLICHOPODES) Latreille, 1809, the name of which has already been placed on the *Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology* by the Ruling given in *Direction* 49 (1956, *Ops. Decl. int. Comm. zool. Nomencl.* 1(D) : 265—280).

**15. Compliance with Prescribed Procedures :** The prescribed procedures were duly complied with by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in dealing with the present case, and the present *Opinion* is accordingly hereby rendered in the name of the said International Commission by the undersigned Francis Hemming, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, in virtue of all and every the powers conferred upon him in that behalf.

16. " **Opinion** " **Number** : The present *Opinion* shall be known as *Opinion* Five Hundred and Thirty-One (531) of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

DONE in London, this Twenty-Eighth day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

*Secretary to the International Commission  
on Zoological Nomenclature*

**FRANCIS HEMMING**